per week and those to Japan from 4 to 6 per week on the basis of commercial appraisal of these routes. However, it is too soon to predict the increase in passenger and foreign exchange revenues.

Complaints against security staff at airports

2480. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) how many complaints have been received by his Ministry against security staff at the airports for their mis-behaviour and mis-conduct during the last two years alongwith details;

(b) what action has been taken against the erring officers and security staff;

(c) what are the reasons for not allowing visitors to enter the terminal buildings even after frisking; and

(d) whether it is a fact that ladies are being frisked in an enclosure near the aircraft or in the terminal building; if so, how many complaints have been received against not providing proper enclosures particularly near the aircrafts at Jaipur, Chandigarh and Srinagar ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) According to available information, five complaints have been received. Of them, three remained unsubstantiated. In one case, major penalty action has been initiated against the guilty police official. In the fifth case, severe warning was issued to the guilty officials.

(c) Facilities do not exist, at all the airports, to frisk the visitors and check their baggage. Though facilities exist in IGI airport, during periods of high alert entry of visitors is banned.

(d) Ladies are also expected to undergo the requisite security check. Proper enclosures have been provided in all terminal buildings and portable curtains have been provided for frisking near the aircraft as and when required. No complaints have been received in this regard.

Guidelines to security staff at airports

2481. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any guidelines for the security staff at frisking points for passengers and also for goods at the airport in the country, if so, give details;

(b) what are the items which are considered objectionable to be carried by the passengers in the air craft ; and

(c) whether the security staff at the airports are authorised to check items other than weapons, ammunition etc. for example are they authorised to check cash, jewellery etc. being carried by ordinary passengers, if so the details ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Any munitions of war, implements of war, explosives, articles of a high inflammable nature, arms, ammunitions, military stores, oxidising material, corrosive substances, compressed gas, teargas, radio-active materials, poisonous substance and other dangerous goods are not permitted to be carried by passengers in the aircraft.

(c) No, Sir. However, they do have to go through the hand baggage in case of suspicious objects.

Equipments lying unused at Khajuraho Airport

2482. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that equipment for night landing facility are lying unused at the Khajuraho airport ; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in installing these equipments ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Air link between Eastern and Northern parts of Madhya Pradesh

2483. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to link Eastern and Northern parts of Madhya Pradesh with air services in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) For commercial and operational reasons, there is no proposal to expand air service in Madhya Pradesh at present.

Development of Tourism in the country

2484. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been emphasising on steps to facilitate promotion of tourism in the country where cooperation of our domestic airlines, besides Air India, would be essential ;

(b) if so, the extent to which the Airlines have expanded/revised Services and facilities to cater to the increased needs, particularly of the foreign tourists, in the events of its growth in the near future; and

(c) what steps are being envisaged to provide air services to remote areas in the north-eastern region where potential of tourism is considrably high ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) Government are aware of the linkage between air services and tourism. During the current year Air India have increased the number of services on India-Singapore and India-Japan routes and have also introduced new services on India-Canada route. Indian Airlines have also introduced new services on several sectors including stations in north—eastern region.

Development of tourist places at Meerut in U.P.

2485. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government as aware that Sardhana town and Hastinapur town in Meerut District of Uttar Pradesh have a world famous church and ancient jain temples, respectively, attracting lakhs of pilgrims and tourist of respective faith ;

(b) whether Government have received over the years requests and representations from eminent persons and organisations to develop these two places a big tourist centres ; and

(c) if so, what steps Government proposes to take or have taken for their development ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The development of tourist centres is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. However, the Central Department of Tourism provides financial assistance to the State Governments on the basis of specific proposals received from them and dependent upon their merits, inter-se priorities and the availability of funds.

No proposal has been received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for Central assistance to develop tourist facilities at Sardhana and Hastinapur towns in Meerut District.

Air service from Bombay to Khajuraho

2486. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI :
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that proposal for starting air service from Bombay to Khajuraho was submitted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh to the Central Government; and

(b) if so, by when the air service in this route is likely to be operated ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal at present for operation of air services from Bombay to Khajuraho.

Chartering of Jumbo Jets for VIPs

2487. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the existing arrangement with air India for chartering of Jumbo jets for VIP movement, especially Boeing 747 planes ;